

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-40. (canceled)

41. (previously presented) A texturizing composition,  
consisting essentially of:

- a) from about 1% to about 90% of at least one self-invertible inverse latex by weight; and
- b) from about 10% to about 99% of at least one powder by weight, wherein,

    said self-invertible inverse latex comprises an oil phase, an aqueous phase, at least one water-in-oil (W/O) emulsifier, at least one oil-in-water (O/W) emulsifier, and a branched or crosslinked polyelectrolyte,

    said polyelectrolyte is selected from the group consisting of:

        a homopolymer based on a monomer possessing either a strong acid function which is partly or totally in salt form or a weak acid function which is partly or totally in salt form,

        a copolymer based on at least one monomer possessing a strong acid function copolymerized either with at least one

monomer possessing a weak acid function or with at least one neutral monomer, and

a copolymer based on at least one monomer possessing a weak acid function copolymerized with at least one neutral monomer or with a monomer possessing a weak acid function.

42. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

- a) from about 5% to about 80% of said self-invertible inverse latex; and
- b) from about 20% to about 95% of said powder.

43. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 42, wherein said composition is essentially free of fillers.

44. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said composition is in powder form.

45. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said self-invertible latex is in liquid form.

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47. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said oil phase is in the range of from about 15% to about 40% by weight of the total latex.

48. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 47, wherein said oil phase is in the range of from about 20% to about 25%.

49. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said oil phase comprises saturated hydrocarbons.

50. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said oil-in-water (O/W) emulsifier and said water-in-oil (W/O) emulsifier, together, are from about 2.5% to about 15% by weight of the total latex.

51. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 50, wherein said emulsifiers are from about 4% to about 9%.

52. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said polyelectrolyte is in the range of from about 20% to about 70% by weight of the total latex.

53. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 52, wherein said polyelectrolyte is in the range of from about 25% to about 50%.

54. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said polyelectrolyte is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) copolymer of acrylic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylamide, cross linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);
- b) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylamide, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);
- c) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylic acid partly in sodium salt form, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);
- d) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);
- e) homopolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

f) homopolymer of acrylic acid partly in ammonium salt or monoethanolamine salt form, cross-linked with sodium diallyloxyacetate; and

g) homopolymer of acrylic acid partly in ammonium or monoethanolamine salt form, cross-linked with triallylamine.

55. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said powder is in spherical form.

56. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said powder is homogenous.

57. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said powder comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) synthetic materials;
- b) natural materials;
- c) organic materials;
- d) inorganic materials;
- e) hydrophilic materials; and
- f) hydrophobic materials.

58. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 48, wherein said powder contains a mean diameter in the range of from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .

59. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 58, wherein said diameter is in the range of from about 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

60. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 41, wherein said powder comprises porous polymethyl methacrylate microspheres.

61. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 60, wherein said porous polymethyl methacrylate microsphere has a specific surface area greater than or equal to about 0.5  $\text{m}^2$  per gram.

62. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 42, wherein said powder is at least about 50% by weight of the total composition.